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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: WESTERN FIVE DEMARCHE ON NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 121834 (NOTAL)

1. WESTERN FIVE MET AFTERNOON MAY 26 AND DECIDED TO PROPOSE
TO CAPITALS THAT THE FIVE MAKE A JOINT ORAL DEMARCHE IN
LUSAKA AND DAR ES SALAAM ON THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS AND WESTERN CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE EXECUTIONS.
DISCUSSION WAS LIVELY, WITH CANADIAN AND FRENCH MISOFFS
EXPRESSING RESERVATIONS ABOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO THE BLACK
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AFRICAN STATES ABOUT NAMIBIA PRISONERS DETAINED IN THEIR
COUNTRIES OR ABOUT ALLEGATIONS OF THEIR POSSIBLE EXECUTIONS.
US (AMB. MCHENRY) STRONGLY URGED VIEW THAT FIVE HAD TO TAKE
BALANCED POSITION ON ISSUE OF PRISONERS. WE COULD NOT
APPROACH SAG ON NANGOLO CASE FOLLOWING SWAPO CHARGES (REFTEL)
WHILE APPEARING TO IGNORE SAG ALLEGATIONS RE TANZANIA AND
ZAMBIA. GROUP FINALLY AGREED ON PROPOSED TEXT. COMMENT:

WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
CHANGES. END COMMENT?

2. FOR LUSAKA: PER CANADIAN MISSION REQUEST, PLEASE
PASS TEXT PARA 3 ONLY TO CANADIAN EMBASSY LUSAKA, SINCE
THEY ARE HAVING SERIOUS COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES. CANADA
MFA WILL CONFORM INSTRUCTIONS BY DIRECT CABLE TO CANADIAN
EMBASSY.

3. TEXT, FOR DEPARTMENT APPROVAL, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIAN
POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD BY SOUTH AFRICA, THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE RELEASE
OF NAMIBIANS DETAINED IN TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA. SOUTH
AFRICA ALSO ALLEGED THAT NAMIBIANS DETAINED IN TANZANIA
AND ZAMBIA WERE THREATENED WITH IMMINENT SUMMARY EXECUTION.
THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT NO CONDITIONS SHOULD BE
IMPOSED ON THE RELEASE OF NAMIBIANS HELD BY SOUTH AFRICA
BUT THAT ALL NAMIBIANS SHOULD BE FREE TO RETURN TO NAMIBIA
AND TO PARTICIPATE FREELY IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

AT THE REQUEST OF SWAPO, THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE
EXPRESSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THEIR CONCERN
ABOUT THE PLANNED EXECUTION OF NDUVUU FILEMON NANGOLO. WE
HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE TRUTH OF SOUTH AFRICA'S
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ALLEGATIONS ABOUT PLANNED EXECUTIONS OF NAMIBIANS WHO
MAY BE DETAINED IN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA; HOWEVER, ANY EXECU-
TIONS OF NAMIBIANS COULD ONLY PREJUDICE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE
THE NAMIBIAN QUESTION.

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.
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